

# Attention Ventures

2008 - 2010

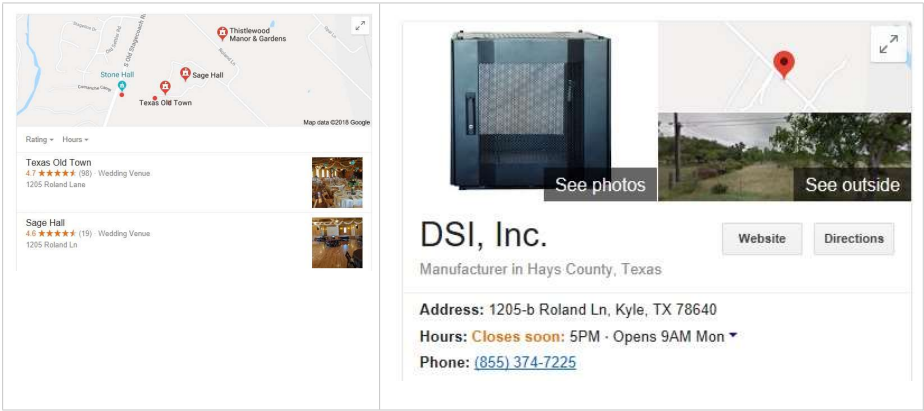
2008: moved to Austin. Ended up going to work for Home Centrix, Second Meta, My Town Media, Attention Ventures (name depended on when you started, they kept changing the name.). (they sold foreclosure, car repo information, and some kind of "state pay")

At one time they talked about trying to open offices in San Antonio and Houston. As far I know they never did. Just used "at home" agents.

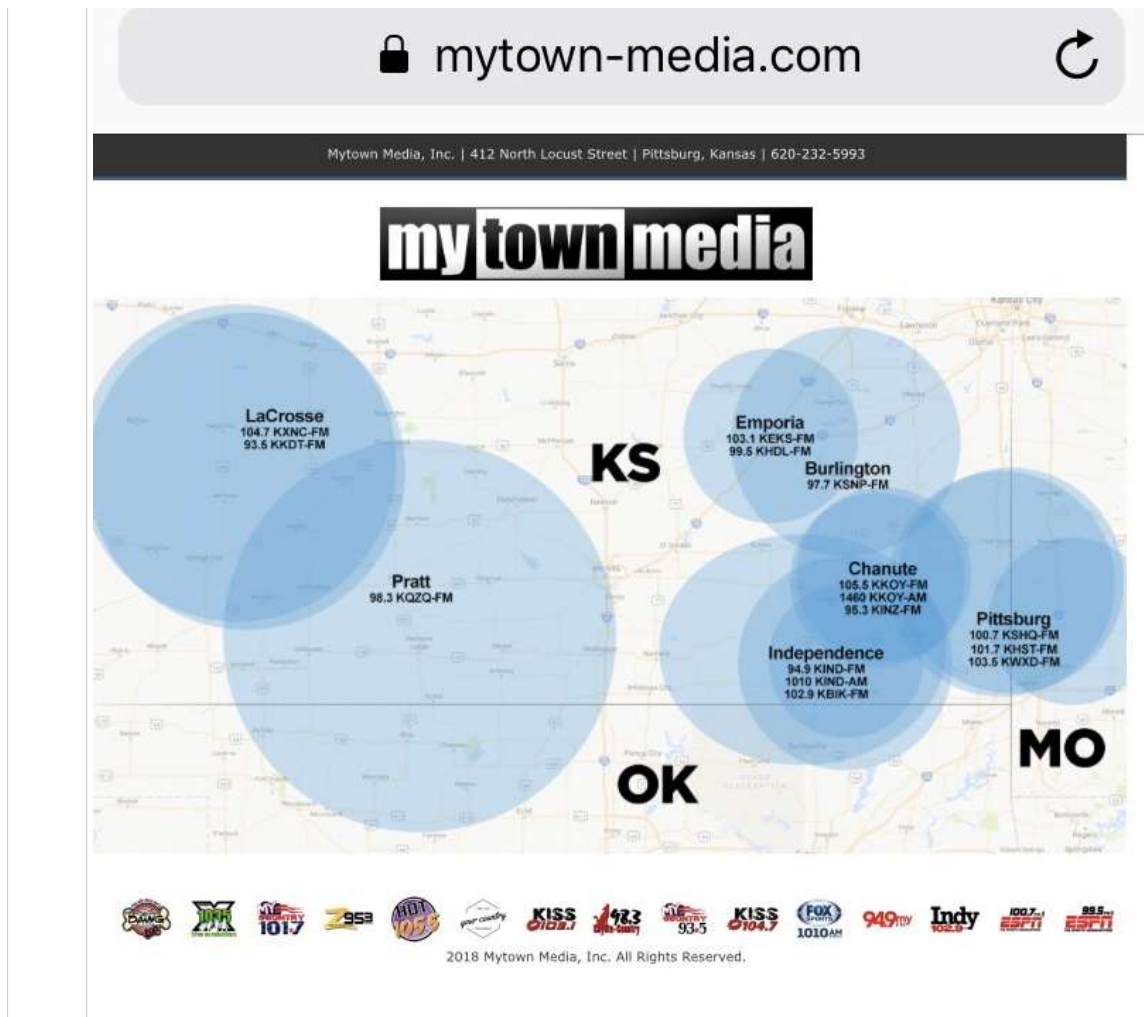
New hire paperwork consisted of normal employment paperwork. No non-compete etc.

Bought server that they needed from vendor back home Entre' and they drop shipped it to the office. Best price. They also bought a server rack from a place down in Kyle Texas, which was also a wedding venue in the front part of the property. Went through several OS's on it. When it closed it ran some version of Linux due to some free mail server they wanted to run. That came about because of some court case going on. Had to go with Mindy Wallis to drop of some kind of paperwork to some court house, outside of town to some court house up on a bluff up on the right. He was afraid they would get access to all of his email. For some of his other accounts online, he had me walk him through downloading those to his local mac book machine at home.

- Only thing stored in the local office was accounting files and a few files shared by the managers. All the websites, and any other data was stored elsewhere. Only the website programmers had access to them and any pictures, coding or data stored there. Other than that, the owner Christian Hunter kept everything somewhere.
- (played out both the venue and server rack on the radio 06/29/2018 between 16-16:30 98.5fm. In which I did take a picture of one of the venues back in 2008 while there for some friends who were looking for a venue for a wedding they were catering. Picture hasn't been around since 2008 after I sent it to them, it got deleted.)



If you were to search My Town media, some of the first results come up as an actual radio broadcasting station somewhere. You actually have to look a little further to find information about the actual company. Due to that being the first one that comes up.



Was on call twenty-four hours a day, three hundred sixty-five days a year. I was lucky to get three or four hours of sleep a night.

Always having to setup and support "at home agents"

April 16, 2010 closed - it was a payday -that morning the landlord came in and kicked everyone out and locked up building due to non-payment. Mangers handing out payroll as employees left. HR started using ADP for direct deposit. Then that got to be an issue with funding payroll. Last 8/9 months switched from direct deposit to checks. Owner didn't want payroll ever issued until after 5pm once banks had already closed. They had gone through most of the banks in town so some of us had been looking for something else. Basically, you would open an account at the bank they switched to, to be able to cash your check. Employees used check cashing services. Which eventually wouldn't even cash them.

I recall having to open accounts at:

- Frost
- Plains capital
- Wells Fargo
- Bank of America (issue here since they also used Bank of America "California" which was part of Bank of America, but considered separate, so some paycheck accounts weren't considered as part of Bank of America here, so you had to deposit instead of cashing.)

Health Insurance plans got canceled because they ended up being too expensive for them.

Employees gathered outside. Most Everyone left the job location since all the "directors" managers" said it wasn't going to reopen and ended up moving home. News media showed up if I recall.

Once home Marshalls called said they seized everything there (server, computers, files, Music owner and managers shared with each other. Owner even gave them his password to access music online via iTunes I was told. etc.). Was told that I may have offsite backup data and asked for what I had. Also asked if there was any encryption which there wasn't that I was aware of, and for any passwords etc. Marshals sent a copy of search warrant paperwork and a drive to copy data to and asked that I keep a copy. Took some time and had to use several people computers to transfer everything to the drive. People got mad because iTunes would auto import the music. Told to send in and they were supposed to call me back with what to do with the equipment that I was told to take so they could setup "at home agents" after the office closed (never received a call back ended up just getting rid of the equipment).

( Mindy the Hr. director, mentioned that Christians password always had to do with some kind of empire, she would have known since he shared it with her to allow her access to his music.)

Both sides and Mindy bringing up a cleanse they were doing. Since talking about it being like an alien.





Sent what was requested back to them. Wasn't much. Just manager's folders/shares/music owner and managers shared with each other. Didn't have enough space to store call recording (customer calls with sales agents and had customer credit card info if they decided to buy) (was later used for training new agents how to recite the script, tone, cadence, talk them out of their hesitations and into buying etc.). That took up a lot of the server. And was never given enough offline storage to do so after they switched it from being stored online to local. Was one of those, were storing them local as of right now. And switched it to the server and then they migrated the old call recordings and set new ones to store on the server.

I deleted my offsite since I never heard back from the marshal. Ladies in the office had also sent me their accounting files. And I presume were involved in the federal trial in some way.

If I had not received the call from the marshal, I would have just deleted the files as soon as my computer got set back up. (Manager and Partner, Michael Mahoney, had given me a computer and an office chair for the house around the time I started there and when we opened the first floor. Chair got thrown out after it broke (I moved around a lot)).

Owner called asking me to come back, offered to pay back pay that I was owed and then a bonus for the trouble, and more money. Explained I had moved away. After payroll issues and being told everything was seized, I didn't want to work for them again. I couldn't afford to stay or live in Austin without work.

All the managers were people from California. Some moved here with the owner/partners, others came afterwards. "Partners" came and went. All started out being people from California.

				
Christian Hunter - Owner			Tom Adams - Owner	Michael Mahoney - Head Manager / Partner
				
Jessica Mitchell - Christian's Fiancé Owner - Fotofix				

Managers, Sia jihadi, Sara borne lite, Sean Mahoney, Nick galante and his brother, Shelby? and her husband.

Sia dated some girl that worked there and lived at the domain. Jennifer. She was supposed to go to some Lance Armstrong charity benefit. We were supposed to wear all white. Sia couldn't go so she asked me to go. It was at some Mexican restaurant downtown. Half inside, half outside in kind of a hollowed out building. She said she introduced me to Michael Dell's wife. But I don't recall meeting her. I think she was mistaken.

They also towards the end, opened up a second call center back in Goleta California where they were from. Had to provide minimal support. Place they rented, furnished all of the computers, internet, etc.

First Online Ordering system was run by some friends of theirs back in California at first. After they had a falling out it was switch to another online vendor. Managers complained because that system was designed for the catalog industry. It got shut down several times for non-payment.

Pretty much everything got shut off several times for non-payment. Phones / internet (same local vendor and also the secondary internet connection (boss configured dual homed so if one vendor went down for non-payment it would auto flip to the other since it was all run online. He also bought some kind an asa to do a vpn to handle that and also a connection over to California so they could access the files shared), water, electric. Several local vendors had payment issues getting paid also (online phone system, online order system, cabling vendor)

They always did things on the cheap. Server and workstations bought by boss on his personal CC who lived in California. Had workstations sent to office. Got prices on servers as asked. Picked hp vendor back home because I got the best price on rack mount server (tried local but price was too high for boss). We found used / refurbished / damaged rack down south of town, they called in and payed over the phone with their cc. I went and picked it up. Workstation setup was simple since they came pre-installed, open box, put in cube, install java, add link to web-based order system and a shortcut to the phone system. No other software required. For managers, the accounting office went down to office depot and bought copies of office to install on their computers.

They also purchased used refurbished computers from discount electronics in Austin. Pop in disk and re-install, didn't have to activate as all the machines in the office came with a license. All machines came with restore media.

Once they got the server, they shipped it to us at the office. He ran all the IT stuff (phone system configurations, ordering platform, web, etc.) from there. They brought someone on towards the end who invested money into the company to handle some web related things like creating reporting, analytics, etc. Towards the end they also brought on a new COO, Scott Wattenberg, who invested all of his retirement money into the company. At the end he was upset because he had just gotten married and lost everything and never got the return he was shown to expect. He had left a pretty good job. He mentioned something once about the numbers /reports not being right / adding

up when he studied them.

Owner would sometimes bring people through that he was trying to get to invest in the company. Even brought in the people from the company he had previously sold, to try and get them to re-invest they were concerned with no return on the money they had already invested.

The ladies in the business office(s) said the owner was always filling insurance claims to supplement income and inflated numbers filled under the loss of business clause in the insurance plans.

Office had space for about 65/70 people +/- but was more there than that. Parking for about maybe 20/25. employees parked on street. Pissing off the neighborhood and the nearby school. Member services grew rapidly due to constantly refunding most of the orders received. The ladies in member services explained that they were told the listings for foreclosures were pictures and information taken from reputable sites. That a lot of their calls would be people calling in because people had gone to the listings and spoken with the people who lived there and found out that the property was never in foreclosure or for sale. At most sometimes the listing was actually up for sale. Because of this they had started looking up as many properties as they could to see if the information was correct so it could be corrected or removed. They also said their refund to sales ratio was very high.

They ran some of it out of a few rooms attached to the owner's garage. One of the managers had me setup several computers there. And also, at several people's houses so they could be at home agents. If they didn't have what was needed to work from home. They were often given what they were needed. They even rented out space from a furnished / equipped call center back in California. And had reps over there taking calls. Had to remote support minor issues. That call center had its own support staff on hand to handle issues with their internet / equipment related issues since the space was rented. Managers had some computers shipped out to people or gave them out to people who would be "at home agents" who were to be at home agents remotely, they would come in and pick one up. Most of the "at home agents" didn't work out. Never started or did poorly in their sales and where let go.

Company got broke into once and they filed a report. Several tv's were ripped from the walls. And then another incident where the windows to the manager's/partners office got shattered (by front door). After those two he had me install a surveillance system. Set it up so he had the only access. Then he wanted a few cameras to be accessible to view only by night managers. So special pages were setup so they could only view them once the company went twenty-four hours and all doors stayed unlocked. Had to go through him to do anything with the system. Eventually he had me put it online so the owner could check in on the office since he rarely came in. All the managers had access to my office and the utilities room where it was all kept since the breakers etc. were in there and to update the power point that was displayed on the TV's.

Last check Drafted wells Fargo and issued by adp.

Only phone number I still have, and am not sure if it is accurate any longer

Mindy Wallis - Director of HR at the time - 512-470-1976

Mindywallis1@gmail

Christian let us know what companies and services he used for web coding and hosting. Not 100% sure what happened at Bargin network. But. He didn't want anything in house or for anyone to have access.

Everyone but his California group or call center representative where all hired through temp services.

Khoton who was let go, Mindy, pannapa, me and Matt all hired through temp. Then moved to payroll.

Mindy brought in a painting that her mom had done to decorate her office then decided to hang a mirror instead.

She hung the painting in my office since it was so dark.

Although not all of her work, it was a landscape painting. When the company closed she took all her decorate back home.

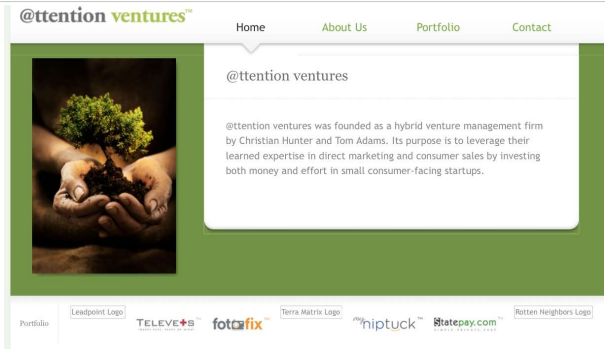


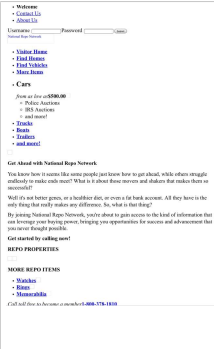
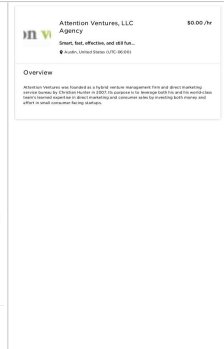
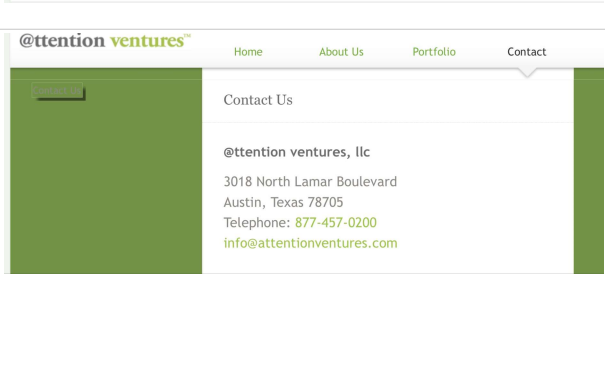
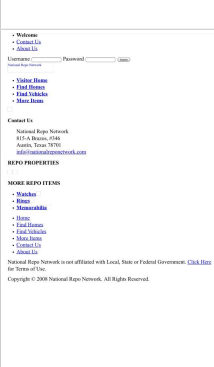

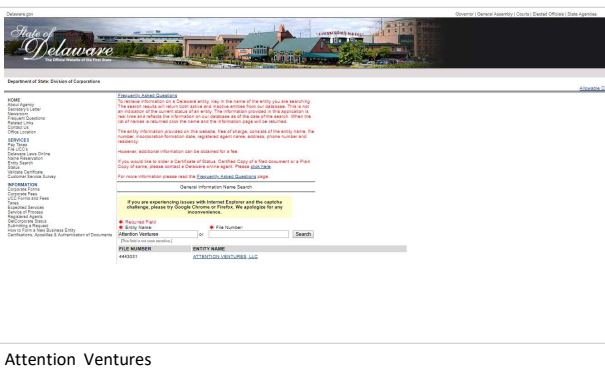
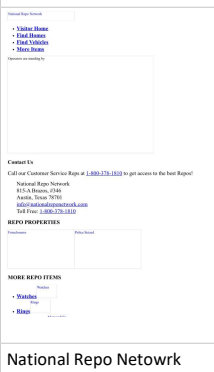
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Mindy, pannapa, Matt, me our last checks didn't cash and never got paid. Who knows who else. Pretty much, if you were not part of the "California group" of people or a call center rep, you didn't get paid.

A lady we called the cookbook lady, personally gave me some huge color laser printer she didn't want And I kept it in my office. It took up half my desk. I gave it to Scott after we closed.

If I had been subpoenaed I would have gone in

## AV websites

 <p>The screenshot shows the homepage of @ttention ventures. It features a navigation bar with links to Home, About Us, Portfolio, and Contact. The main content area includes a large image of hands holding a small tree, a brief description of the company, and a list of portfolio companies like Leadpoint Logo, TELEVE+S, fotofix, Terra Matrix Logo, hiptuck, Statepay.com, and Rutten Neighbors Logo.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the HomeCentrix website. It includes contact information for HomeCentrix, a list of services offered, and a section titled 'Our Properties'.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the SecondMeta website. It features a navigation bar, a list of services, and a section titled 'Our Portfolio'.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the National Repo Network website. It includes a navigation bar, a list of services, and a section titled 'REPO PROPERTIES'.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the Attention Ventures, LLC website. It includes a navigation bar, a list of services, and a section titled 'Overview'.</p>
 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Contact Us' page of @ttention ventures. It includes the company name, address (3018 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78705), telephone number (877-457-0200), and email address (info@attentionventures.com).</p>			 <p>The screenshot shows the 'REPO PROPERTIES' section of the National Repo Network website. It includes a list of properties and a section titled 'MORE REPO ITEMS'.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Business Information' section of the Attenunit Ventures, LLC website. It includes the company name, address, telephone number, and a list of services.</p>
 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Department of State, Division of Corporations' website. It includes a search bar, a list of services, and a section titled 'If you are experiencing issues with Internet Explorer and the website'.</p>			 <p>The screenshot shows the 'REPO PROPERTIES' section of the National Repo Network website. It includes a list of properties and a section titled 'MORE REPO ITEMS'.</p>	
Attention Ventures	HomeCentrix	SecondMeta	National Repo Netowrk	

Website listing and pictures could have been linked to an external source and be why they didn't show up when sites were archived.

Before I deleted them, I came across accounting files that I was asked to hold, and were also in the backup that I turned in as part of a search warrant back in 2010. Along with that, I turned in a folder of music the managers shared with each other since it was part of the backup.

Thought it all, along with the music had already been deleted, along time ago.

Whoever has been digging in online account files. Came across those and thought they were mine. I wouldn't even have been able to open them. Couldn't tell you what program. And made sure the ladies made sure they were password protected.

Found the accounting files in google drive account I hadn't used since then since they used enterprise gmail for a time. Back then made sure to flag their sites when we started having payroll issues.

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Their previous company over in California, Bargin network, easy pay, money saver had FTC charges brought against them.

[California Companies that Made Fraudulent Claims About Government Auctions for Cars, Homes, and Jobs Settle FTC Charges](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2000/05/california-companies-made-fraudulent-claims-about-government...and)

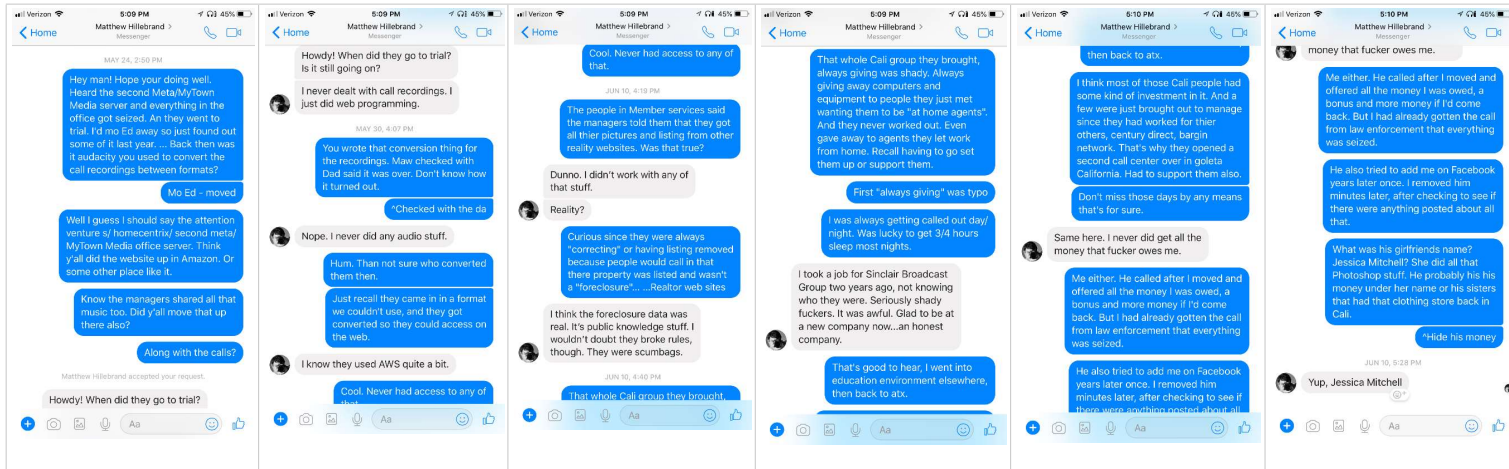
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# Matt Hillebrand





# Accounting person

<p>SEP 4TH, 11:14PM</p> <p>Hope your doing well! Going to throw a name that will make you cringe.</p> <p>Woke up to thinking about you and Christian hunter getting a self inking name stamp. WTF</p> <p>Scary I know that all these years later he and all his companies cross my mind in a dream and still startle me awake</p> <p>WED 2:46PM</p> <p>Also sent those Autism/mtm accounting files y'all had asked me to include in the backup and hold onto. back to Mindy in case y'all still needed them for what ever it was. That was going on. And deleted any copy I had. Told her to turn them over to her lawyer if still needed. Law enforcement never called back to tell me what to do with all that so it all got deleted.</p> <p>Hey hey.. how are you?</p>	<p>Pannapa Thammarak</p> <p>WED 4:23PM</p> <p>Hey! I'm good! Hope all is well with you!</p> <p>Are you still in Austin?</p> <p>Mindy moved to Reno and I moved to NY.</p> <p>I am in Austin for work this week but will fly back home on Friday.</p> <p>Moved away in 2010, back in 2013, then away in 2016, back in 2017.</p> <p>LOL... I moved a lot too.</p> <p>I'd say let's met for dinner/drinks but I work 8pm-4am-ish</p> <p>Where do you work these days?</p> <p>LOL. For now, in a bar.</p>	<p>8pm I am working on downtown today. 🙄 ---</p> <p>From the sounds of it, someone accessed the old files from there. The backup I had got deleted after I turned it over on that search warrant. Also sounds like something is going on with those computers that Ch, Mike and the managers gave out to several of us and those "at home agents" that didn't really pan out.</p> <p>I didn't know anything about these old companies.</p> <p>What happen?</p> <p>I did find a copy of your old accounting files stored online and sent those to Mindy just in case before I deleted them.</p> <p>Who knows! All I can tell you someone was accessing my email accounts etc.</p> <p>Your personal emails?</p> <p>Yeah.</p>
<p>Do you think that someone is still working on CH cases?</p> <p>Maybe he did something to someone again.</p> <p>I checked with da and they said it went to trial. It's possible.</p> <p>Hah. All I got was one check and that was it. Never heard anything else and don't really want to know how he is doing right now.</p> <p>I sent in what was requested, and they never called back so I threw out and deleted what I had. Same here. Still have my last bounced check. Really never expected to get it just the way he was.</p> <p>I thought that he got out of everything.</p> <p>Who knows.</p> <p>I think he is doing fine.</p>	<p>I think he is doing fine.</p> <p>He added me on Facebook. Said decline and it added him. Had to delete him in a split second.</p> <p>That was a few years back.</p> <p>LOL.. he popped up on mind once in a while.</p> <p>I've just ignored him.</p> <p>--- 😊 Yeah think that has to do with email. I do too lol</p> <p>Or something about them looking at your profile.</p> <p>It is just the suggestion from Facebook that I may know him.</p> <p>I don't think he was trying to add me.</p> <p>Do you still live in the same house here?</p> <p>Nope.</p> <p>I've always just rented a room.</p>	<p>I've always just rented a room.</p> <p>I am doing the same thing here. I only come here once a month.</p> <p>I am closed to the Scofield Ridge area that you used to live. This is why I asked.</p> <p>Found a page where the employees said the building was emptied in a matter of weeks of closing after the owners locked it out.</p> <p>How old was this page you found?</p> <p>2010</p> <p>LOL.. old.. just like me. 🙄 ---</p> <p>I think if someone need anything from you for the trial, they would be contacting you already.</p> <p>Same here.</p>
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